

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

MARCH 25, 2018  
PALM AND PASSION SUNDAY

PRELUDE	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!</i>	Gesangbuch der Herzogl Jennifer Blackburn
WELCOME		Martin Lifer

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from* John 12:12-15  
Leader: The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting:  
**ALL: “Hosanna! (Save us!) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!”**  
Leader: Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written:  
**ALL: “Do not be afraid, O daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming to you – riding on a donkey’s colt!”**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION & PRAISE**  
**\*PALM PROCESSIONAL HYMN 222** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ST. THEODULPH

**PRAYER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN** Ashleigh Murdock (11:00)

**\*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** – The Apostles’ Creed (*Unison*)  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*RESPONSIVE HYMN 670 - THE GLORIA PATRI**

**ANTHEM** (11:00 -Chancel Choir) *Antiphonal Hosannah*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION AND INTERCESSION

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (*Unison*)  
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS**  
**GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S GRACE**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN 668 THE DOXOLOGY**

**\*GIVING TO GOD: TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** *Were You There?* with *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. Ham  
Jennifer Blackburn

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**Deacon of the Month:** Peggy Branch  
**Today’s Ushers:** 8:30 – Alec Love; 11:00 – Billy Harrington, John Michael VanHorn  
**Today’s Greeters:** 8:30 – Pattie Molen; 11:00 – Brenda Harrington, Ernie George

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

**SERMON SERIES** *Nothing Except God*  
**SCRIPTURE** Mark 10:35-45,15:16-32; Romans 8:16-17  
(ESV Pew Bible pp. 846, 852; 944)  
**SERMON** *Cross and Crown* Martin Lifer

INVITATION TO FAITH AND PRAYERS OF TRUST IN GOD’S GRACE

**\*HYMN 234** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG  
**\*BENEDICTION** Martin Lifer  
**CHORAL RESPONSE** (11:00 – Chancel Choir) *Amen* TRADITIONAL  
**POSTLUDE** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* Doane  
Jennifer Blackburn

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

+We invite you to place in one of the baskets at the front of the Chancel – **during the closing hymn or following the service** – your **Two-Cents-a-Meal Special Offering** for this month – to be used to (1) defray FPC’s costs in hosting the Casserole Kitchen Mission on Tuesday and Thursday nights AND (2) support for FPC’s other benevolence missions.

Visiting with Us?

We warmly welcome you to our worship of God.  
We hope you can visit our other ministries  
and be back in worship with us on upcoming Sundays.

Please also complete a *FIRSTConnect* Card and place it in the Offering or in one of our *FIRSTConnect* Boxes inside the entranceways to help us know you are with us (*and to follow up on ministry connections or prayer requests you may have by as well*).

Please speak to Pastor Martin Lifer following today’s service (outside the front entrance), ... or contact him at the church office or via email (mwlfir3@gmail.com).



In addition, we invite you to be with us in the Chapel, beginning 5:50 p.m., this Wednesday for a special one-night ***FirstConnect 201 Learning Opportunity*** led by Pastor Lifer, with Deacon Jeremy Murdock. **(Meet in the Chapel, beginning 5:50 p.m.)**

FPC Holy Week Devotional 2018  
*Seven Sayings of Christ from the Cross*

Elder Allen Johnson has written a powerful study of the last words that Jesus spoke from the cross. This devotional will help you appreciate what Jesus did for us on the cross and help you prepare for celebrating Resurrection Sunday. These booklets may be picked up in the Sanctuary and elsewhere around the church.

**TEJERAS MEAL SPONSORS** (*Mission meal for children in Tejeras, Honduras*)  
March 28, 30 – Anonymous Supporters - for the Glory of God and in honor of the new Assistant Pastor Search Committee.

*If you would like to sponsor a Tejeras Meal in 2018, please send a check for \$80 made out to Honduras Agape Foundation to Michele Rackley, PO Box 826, Starkville, MS 39760, or in the church office, or you may place your check in the Offering.*

Please complete a ***FIRSTConnect*** Card for us -

Visitors - including MSU and other students -  
**AND**

**FPC Members** - If you need to update your contact information or need to let us know of Prayer Requests.



EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES - SUNDAY, APRIL 1:

**On April 1, Resurrection Sunday, we will have classic Easter Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 & 11 a.m.**

We will also host our Easter **Sunrise Service & Fellowship Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.** – either at Robinson Lake or\* in the FPC Sanctuary.

*\*The location of the Sunrise Service is TBD – depending on the weather. Please stay posted through church email notices, or call the Church Office on Good Friday morning.*

**See the Bulletin Insert for Our Complete HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ... *and* an EASTER LILY ORDER FORM.**

Make Your Reservations for Friends & Family Fellowship Dinner

**Wednesday, 5:15-5:45 p.m.** This Wednesday’s Dinner: Fried Chicken Strips, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Rolls, Sour Cream Cake. Adults may also choose a Chef Salad, ... or, as always, children may have pizza – just let us know. *Please complete your reservation card and place it in the Offering today, or call or send an email to the Church Office.*

Join the following **Adult Studies Wednesday Night (5:50 -7 p.m.):**

**Men’s Bible Study** (Johnson Room).  
***A Life Beyond Amazing.***

**Women’s Bible Study, led by Orly Hardin** (in the Parlor) –  
***We Saved You a Seat.***

***FirstConnect 201 Learning Opportunity***  
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**ALSO, Join our Chancel Choir, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Rehearsal**



**Prepare for HOLY COMMUNION and special Holy Week Music from our Choir:**

**March 29, Maundy Thursday Cantata and Communion Service** – 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Childcare for infants and younger children provided.

Week of March 25, 2018		
SUNDAY:	8:30a.m.	Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
MONDAY:	Noon	Holy Week Service and Lunch
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Boy Scouts Building)
	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous, also on T, W, & F (Ed. Bldg)
TUESDAY:	Noon	Holy Week Service and Lunch
	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Parlor)
WEDNESDAY:	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
	Noon	Holy Week Service and Lunch
	5:15 p.m.	Friends & Family Meal
THURSDAY:	5:50 p.m	Children’s Choir, SOS, Youth Discipleship
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Casserole Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
SATURDAY:	12:00 pm	Casserole Kitchen (Episcopal Church)
	6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous (Christian Education Bldg.)

**Prayer List**

Hilda Scholtes  
Laurin Scales  
Gary and Janet Bardwell  
Jay Bardwell  
Gloria and Malcolm Gentry  
Thomas Guest (Charlie and Rubye Guest’s grandson)  
Cynthia Ware, together with her parents, Donna and Herman Ware  
Diane Daniels, together with her sister, Delores Irvin, and Sarah Helen McCloskey (Daniels’ family friend) -PA  
Sylvia Love Marjorie Malone  
Eleisha G. Reynolds (Anita Reynolds’ daughter-in-law) Montrose, CO  
Marie Tubb and John Gassaway (Anna Ray Gasaway’s sister-in-law & brother-in-law)  
Dawn Allen (Nell Hartness’ granddaughter) - Starkville  
Billy and Brenda Harrington  
Carol Clark (Albert Clark’s sister)  
Brenda Pratt, Cheryl Kay Linder (Beth Ann Dunlap’s stepmother & sister)  
Bessie Montgomery  
Jane Zitta  
Carl Ivey, Sr. – Dukedom, Kentucky  
Anderson Ivey (Carl and Paula Ivey’s grandson) – Birmingham, Alabama  
Marshall McReynolds (Sherylan Webb’s nephew) – Tupelo  
Craig Wolf (Paula Elliott’s son-in-law) – Huntsville, Alabama  
Danny Carlisle (Loren Zimmerman’s friend)  
Frances Ellis, Christopher A. Cook, and Brett Horton (Ellen Mauldin’s sister, grandson – U.S. Army-Poland – and her brother Leslie’s grandson)

**Health Care / Assisted Living Prayer List**

Cattie Taylor – Beehive, Starkville  
Thelma Gentry – Vicker’s Personal Care Home  
Louise Haddiagan – The Claiborne  
Jane Lusk – The Claiborne  
Jetta Kuykendall – The Grove, Columbia  
Lu Graham (Jane Zitta’s sister) – The Hermitage, Richmond, Virginia  
Frances Oakley – Sunnybrook Estates, Madison  
Marie Tramel – Beau Ridge, Ridgeland  
Maxine Eastland – Franklin, TN  
Elizabeth Duffey – Presbyterian Village, GA  
Jewel Jacobs (Cindy Walker’s mother) – Montgomery Garden

Elders Serving on Our Session		
<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Myles Carpenter	Dolph Bryan	Carl Ivey
Jack Forbus	Harold Clark	Jim Beaty
Randell Foxworth	Cecelia Cook	Peggy Johnson
Allen Johnson	Bob Daniels	Jeff Foster
Janice Kinard	Orly Hardin	
Perry Rackley	Edward Kemp	
<b>Elder Emeritus</b> – Dero Ramsey Dr. Martin Lifer, Moderator / Randell Foxworth, Clerk The Session’s next Stated Meeting is March 25, 12:30 p.m.		

Deacons Serving on Our Diaconate		
<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Jay Cook	Peggy Branch	Tabor Mullen
John Rush	Vivian Cade	Kristen Skinner
	Joel Downey	Johnny Fair
	Jason Ryder	Jeremy Murdock

**FPC Women’s Ministry** – Caitlin Rackley, *Moderator*

**Circles, Meeting Places, and Leaders**

Circles meet **2<sup>nd</sup> week** of each month (7:00 pm Circle meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)  
Second Sunday, 8am, Parlor – Chairman Lynda Forbus  
Second Monday, 1:30 pm, Parlor – Chairman Kay McReynolds  
Second Tuesday, 6 pm, Location TBA – Chairman Orly Hardin  
Third Monday, 7 pm, Location TBA – Chairman Amy Aarhus

The **FPC Women’s Ministries** will again be offering a **scholarship** to a deserving student of our church this spring. Applications are available in the church office, and are due in the office by Friday, April 15, at noon. If you have questions about the PW scholarship, please contact Jane Vemer at 662-324-8316 (jvemeg@gmail.com) or another member of the Coordinating Team.

**Men of the Church (MOC) Officers** – Andrew Fountain, *President*,  
Will Rackley, *Vice President*, Charlie Weatherly, *Treasurer*

**The Ministry of Music**

On Wednesdays - Chancel Choir, 6:00 p.m./ Children’s Choirs at 5:50 p.m.

**CASSEROLE KITCHEN MISSION MEAL HOSTS AT FPC THIS WEEK**  
Mar 27 – Rex Buffington                      Mar 29 – Loren Zimmerman

FPC and FPCCC Ministry Team		
<b>Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer</b> , <i>Pastor</i>		mwlifer3@gmail.com
<b>Rita Usher</b> , <i>Pastoral Secretary</i>		<a href="mailto:info@fpcstarkville.org">info@fpcstarkville.org</a>
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**Worship Service | 11:00 a.m.**

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